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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: ANNUAL REVIEW TALKS ON EXCHANGES

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1. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS TOGETHER WITH POSITIONS AND NEW PROPOSALS WE HOPE TO DISCUSS DURING REVIEW TALKS. AS EMBASSY WILL NOTE, WE PLAN TO USE PROGRAM ANNEX OF JUNE 73 AGREEMENT AS BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR REVIEW. WE WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL POINTS TO MAKE TO EMBASSY BEFORE TALKS BEGIN.

2. GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG RESEARCHER EXCHANGE (IREX). WE PLAN EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH CURRENT LEVEL OF EXCHANGE (50), BUT HOPE THAT SOVIETS CAN INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS COMING TO STUDY HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES. WE WILL EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR SOVIET EFFORTS TO IMPROVE JUNIOR SCHOLARS' ACCESS TO ARCHIVES.

3. LANGUAGE TEACHER EXCHANGE. WE PLAN PROPOSE INCREASING LEVEL FROM 30 TO 35 OR 40. WE WOULD ALSO TELL SOVIETS WE HOPE TO BROADEN BASE FOR RECRUITMENT OF US CANDIDATES AND THANK THEM FOR EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR US TEACHERS THIS PAST SUMMER.

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4. EXCHANGE OF SENIOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS (IREX). WE WILL PROPOSE MAINTAINING PROGRAM AT CURRENT LEVEL. WE WILL ALSO

TABLE DRAFT MODIFICATION OF SECTIONS 1A AND 2C OF

"CONDITIONS GOVERNING EXCHANGE" TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DEPENDENTS HOUSING. DRAFT LANGUAGE PROVIDED BY IREX BEING SENT SEPTEL FOR EMBASSY COMMENT.

5. GRADUATE LEVEL STUDENTS OR YOUNG SPECIALISTS IN ARTS. WE PLAN REVIEW CURRENT STATUS AND ESTABLISH MORE PRECISE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE TWO SIDES WANT UNDER THIS EXCHANGE. WE WOULD ALSO ASK WHETHER SOVIETS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXCHANGE OF CHOREOGRAPHERS.

6. EXCHANGE OF LECTURERS. AFTER GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PAST PERFORMANCE (STATUS REPORT NOW BEING PREPARED BY CIES WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST), WE PLAN MAKE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

A. MODIFICATION OF NOMINATION TIMETABLE FOR AY 1976-77 AS FOLLOWS:

(1) EXCHANGE OF PRIORITY FIELDS, CHANGE FROM NOV 1, 1975 TO JAN 15, 1975;

(2) NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, CHANGE FROM FEB 15, 1976 TO NOV 15, 1975;

(3) FINAL DECISIONS, CHANGE FROM APR 1, 1976 TO MAR 1, 1976.

B. INCLUSION WITHIN PROGRAM AN EXCHANGE OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS (3 TO START WITH) WHO WOULD LECTURE FOR PERIOD OF FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. (MANY DISTINGUISHED US PROFESSORS ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LECTURER PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY CANNOT SPEND FULL SEMESTER ABROAD.)

(1) WE WOULD ALSO QUERY SOVIETS RE THEIR INTEREST IN INCLUDING IN THIS PROGRAM YOUNGER, GENERALIST LECTURERS WHO COULD LECTURE IN LANGUAGE OF COUNTRY. (THERE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE IN A NUMBER OF SMALL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES WHICH WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LECTURER PROGRAM BUT CANNOT ACCEPT CANDIDATES UNABLE TO LECTURE IN ENGLISH, AND WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE SENIOR SCHOLARS.)

(2) WE WILL ALSO REQUEST SOVIETS SEND MORE LECTURERS IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDER THIS SECTION OF AGREEMENT.

7. EXCHANGES OF DELEGATIONS AND SEMINARS.

A. WITH MHE WE PLAN PROPOSE:

(1) A USDEL IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY. THIS WOULD BE RETURN VISIT FOR OCT SOVDEL FROM MHE AND WOULD TREAT MANY OF SAME SUBJECTS COVERED BY MHE DELEGATION INCLUDING USE OF COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION. WE WOULD TELL SOVIETS THAT WE PREFER TO AWAIT COMPLETION OF THIS DELEGATION EXCHANGE BEFORE RESPONDING TO SOVIET SUGGESTION FOR SEMINAR ON SIMILAR SUBJECT PROPOSED IN THEIR APRIL 29 AIDE MEMOIRE. (FYI: WE PLAN TO STAFF OUR DELEGATION WITH PEOPLE COMPETENT TO JUDGE WHETHER THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIETS COULD CONTRIBUTE ENOUGH TO SUCH A SEMINAR TO MAKE IT WORTH OUR WHILE. IF USDEL'S JUDGMENT IS POSITIVE, WE WOULD THEN PROPOSE THAT SEMINAR BE HELD AS NEW WORKING GROUP UNDER THE S&T AGREEMENT.)

(2) USDEL OF FIVE INCLUDING HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR STATE UNIVERSITY, MAJOR PRIVATE UNIVERSITY, DISTINGUISHED LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE, AND TWO OTHER PERSONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION. A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS MORE AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS OF US HIGHER EDUCATION RE LECTURERS EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

(3) USDEL OF HIGH LEVEL EDUCATIONAL TESTING EXPERTS TO PAVE WAY FOR SEMINAR ON EDUCATIONAL TESTING.

(4) USDEL ON CONTINUING EDUCATION TO PAVE WAY FOR SEMINAR ON CONTINUING EDUCATION. DEL WOULD INCLUDE EXPERT ON ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, TOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOR, AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSN.

(5) SEMINAR ON EDUCATIONAL TESTING.

(6) SEMINAR ON CONTINUING EDUCATION.

B. WITH MINED WE PLAN PROPOSE:

(1) USDEL IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO PAVE WAY FOR SEMINAR ON SAME SUBJECT.

(2) SEMINAR ON VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.

(3) SEMINAR ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

C. WE ARE AWARE THAT PROGRAM FOR MHE EXCEEDS MINIMUM NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS CALLED FOR IN AGREEMENT AND WE WILL PROPOSE INCREASE IN DELEGATIONS TO BE EXCHANGED.

8. EXCHANGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. MODALITIES FOR

THIS EXCHANGE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION HERE.

9. REVIEW OF MEASURES TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE STUDY OF RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES.

10. CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (WE WILL BE SENDING SEPTTEL).

11. PUBLICATIONS (AMERIKA-SOVIET LIFE). (FYI: WE WILL PROPOSE INCREASE IN CIRCULATION TO 82,000 COPIES BY DEC 1976 OR JAN 1977, AS FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE FOR EARLIER INCREASE.)

12. EXHIBITIONS AND FILMS (WE WILL BE SENDING SEPTTEL ON BOTH THESE SUBJECTS).

13. TELEVISION PROGRAMS. WE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH EMBASSY, BUT BELIEVE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS TO BE AS SPECIFIC AS SUGGESTED PARA 16 REFTTEL. IN PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, SOVIETS HAVE INVARIABLY DEMANDED GUARANTEES OF STRICT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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RECIPROCITY. RELATIONSHIP OF USG TO PRIVATE US MEDIA MAKES SUCH GUARANTEE IMPOSSIBLE. IN DISCUSSION OF TELEVISION PLACEMENT, WE COULD NOT GO FURTHER THAN LANGUAGE IN PRESENT AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR OUR AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE CONTACTS AND ENCOURAGE EXCHANGES.

14. WE PROPOSE OPEN TALKS EARLY MORNING DEC 2. AFTERNOON DEC 1 WOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR FINAL CONSULTATIONS AT EMBASSY. POLANSKY AND RICHMOND WILL BE ONLY REPRESENTATIVES COMING FROM WASHINGTON FOR TALKS.

15. IN ORDER GET MAXIMUM POSSIBLE FORWARD MOVEMENT AT TALKS, WE BELIEVE OUR AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE PROVIDED SOVIETS IN ADVANCE WITH REQUEST THAT THEY INFORM US IN ADVANCE RE ITEMS THEY ALSO WISH TO RAISE. WE ARE DOING THIS INFORMALLY THROUGH SOVEMB CULT COUNSELOR SAKOVICH. EMBASSY MOSCOW MAY WISH TO TAKE SIMILAR APPROACH WITH MFA. SAKOVICH WILL RECOMMEND TO MFA, THAT IT INFORM OF ANY ITEMS SOVIETS PLAN TO RAISE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AGENDA AND ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS. LEVEL OF DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS ITEMS WILL DEPEND UPON COMPOSITION OF SOVDEL. WE ARE HOPING SOVIETS WILL SEND PEOPLE QUALIFIED AND AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK DEFINITELY ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION. POLANSKY WISHES TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD DEC 5-6 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN MOSCOW DEC 7. RICHMOND PLANS SPEND DEC 5-7 IN MOSCOW FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. KISSINGER

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